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although we are sure that Dr. Japp (or Mr. Scot) would have produced a stronger impression by remitting his abusive language and by being less cocksure of his ideas about early sacrifice and the Hebrew religion. His array of evidence in illustration of sacrificial custom is valuable and makes his book worth having by all who are interested in early religion and religious institutions.

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REALENCYKLOPÄDIE FÜR PROTESTANTISCHE THEOLOGIE UND KIRCHE. Begründet von J. J. HERZOG. In dritter verbesserter und vermehrter Auflage, unter Mitwirkung vieler Theologen und anderer Gelehrten, herausgegeben von D. ALBERT HAUCK, Professor in Leipzig. Siebenter und achter Band: Gottesdienst-Hess; Hesse-Jesuitinnen. Leipzig: J. C. Hinrichs'sche Buchhandlung, 1899, 1900. Pp. iv + 804; 788. M. 12 each volume.

EIGHT years after the completion, in eighteen large volumes, of the second edition of this great work (1888), which at that time represented the highest achievements in all departments of theological science, the first volume of the third edition, under the editorship of Dr. A. Hauck, to whom, after the death of the former editors, Herzog and Plitt, had been intrusted the editing of the later volumes of the second edition, issued from the press of the J. C. Hinrichs'sche Buchhandlung. A firm less zealous for the advancement of theological science, and with a constituency less exacting in its demand for the latest and the best, would probably have been content with such improvements in the third edition as could have been made by a careful revision of the plates, the addition of new materials in appendices or supplementary volumes, and such like comparatively inexpensive devices. The work before us is completely reset, and contains so large a proportion of new matter that it is in no sense a mere revision. The better articles of the second edition have been thoroughly revised and enlarged when needful, and the literature brought up to date. A very large proportion of the most important articles have been written afresh by the most eminent specialists on the particular matters in hand. Eight volumes have appeared in the four years since the appearance of Vol. I. The slowness of the progress of the work through the press constitutes the chief objection that can be urged against it. The present edition will be more than ten years in appearing, and the early volumes will

become somewhat antiquated before the last volumes appear. But the present slow method is the only one practicable where the one editor must carefully plan and supervise the whole, and it no doubt suits better the financial exigencies of many poor scholars who can pay for two volumes a year, but who would not feel able to purchase the entire work, or several volumes, at once. Each volume will be better and more consistent when it appears singly, and with a considerable interval between its predecessor and its successor, than if several volumes were being hurried along concurrently. To mention the contributors would be to give a list of the most eminent specialists. Hauck himself writes many articles, especially in his own field of early German church history. Harnack writes many patristic articles and sketches of the early Roman emperors. Loofs, who is unsurpassed in general history of doctrine, writes many elaborate articles in this department. The weakest feature of the work, in the reviewer's opinion, is the *Anabaptistica*, few of the articles being by the most competent writers, and the point of view of the writers being far below the high standard of impartiality that many of the most eminent investigators have reached. The articles on biblical introduction and biblical criticism are particularly full and scholarly, and represent neither extreme radicalism nor extreme conservatism. Every minister and theological student who can read German should have this great work as a daily companion. It is worth a whole library of inferior works of reference.

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THE ENGLISH BIBLE IN THE JOHN RYLANDS LIBRARY 1525 TO 1640. With 26 Facsimiles and 39 Engravings. [By REV. RICHARD LOVETT, M.A.] Printed for Private Circulation, 1899. Pp. xvi + 275, folio.

THIS well-printed and finely illustrated volume, by the author of a useful little manual on *The Printed English Bible, 1525-1885*, and editor of Demaus' life of Tyndale, is apparently carefully prepared. The avowed ideal of its author has been "to make it the best catalogue of English Bibles in existence," and, judging from its extensive and elaborate descriptions, it is certainly entitled to take rank with the well-known critical works of Francis Fry. It is to be regretted, however, that the edition is limited to something in the neighborhood of eighty copies, which makes it quite unavailable, even to specialists.